THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Ministry of Railways have stated that they are not claiming any administrative control over the project;

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) It has been intimated by Govt. of Karnataka that the ELRTS is a mass transportation system which is being estabilished wholls within the municipal limits of the city of bangalore, and hence would come under the definition of a ""Tramway" as defined in both the Railways Act, 1989 and article 366 (20) of the Constitution. As such it is excluded from the purview of the Railways Act which does not apply to a ""tramway wholly within a municipal area."

(f) Urban Transport is a State subject and the respective State Governments are expected to implement such projects. Hwever, at the Central Government level, Ministry of Urban Development is responsible for planning and coordination of such projects, with technical planning for the same remaining with Ministry of Railways.

Central Contribution to Elrts projects in Bangalore

1964. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is a fact that the Govenment of Karnataka has proposed to implement the Elevated light Rail System (ELRTS) project at bangalore on BOOT basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have made a budgetary allocation of Rs. 67 crores in the Ninth Five Year Plan as its equity contribution to the Bangalore ELRTS;

(d) whether it is true that the State Government has requested for enhancing the Central contribution to Rs. 500-550 crores; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the current status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thy Government of Karnataka proposes to implement Elevated Light Rail Transit System in Bangalore over a total rout length of 99 Kms. The first phase of the project, consisting of 25 Kms. is estimated to cost Rs. 2500 crore. The Government of Karnataka has set up a wholly owned project company Bangalore Mass Rapid Transit Limited (BMRTL) and has selected UB Group Consortium (UBGC) as the private sector joint venture partner to implement the project, it has been proposed that 25 of the cost will be met by the Government in the form of equity and subordinate loan.

The UBGC has submitted the Detailed Feasibility Study Report to BMRTL in February, 2000 for their review.

(c) No specific allocation for equity contributed towards Bangalore ELRTS has been made by the Planning Commission in the Budget Allocation for Ninth Plan.

(d) and (e) In June 1996 the Government of Karnataka had requested for Government of India's participation in the equity of the company set up by the State Government to implement ELRTS in Bangalore. After examinaiton of the proposal the State Government was informed that formal decision can be taken by the Government of India only on completion of Detailed Project Report and Detailed Financial Economic Analysis of the project by the State Government. The details have not been submitted by the State Government even till date.

Dilapidated coditions of Government quarters in Raja Bazar, Gole Market

1965. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of Government quarters are in dilapidated conditions in Block Nos. 47 to 69 of Raja Bazar, Gole Market, since long;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the residents have made any complaints in this regard to the senior officials of the CPWD but these complaints are still pending;

(d) whether Government will take any action against the concerned officials;

(e) if so, by when; and